

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

STEVEN ZWERIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALM MEDIA HOLDINGS,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:21-cv-00780-JCC-JRC

SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court has reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report (Dkt. 20) and schedules this case for a four-day bench trial on **March 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable John C. Coughenour, Courtroom 16206** with the following pretrial schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for joining additional parties	January 28, 2022
Deadline for amending pleadings	January 28, 2022
Plaintiff's expert disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	June 1, 2022
Defendant's expert disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)	June 1, 2022

1	Rebuttal expert disclosures	July 1, 2022
2	All motions related to discovery must be noted on the motion calendar no later than the Friday before discovery closes pursuant to LCR 7(d) and LCR 37(a)(2)	August 25, 2022
3	Discovery motions must be filed by—	
4	Discovery completed by	September 15, 2022
5	All dispositive motions must be filed by (<i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	November 1, 2022
6	All motions in limine must be filed by this date and noted on the motion calendar no later than the third Friday after filing.	February 9, 2023
7	Motions in limine raised in trial briefs will not be considered.	
8	Agreed LCR 16.1 Pretrial Order due	March 1, 2023
9	Trial briefs, proposed voir dire, jury instructions and exhibits by	March 10, 2023
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11 This order sets firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court, not by
12 agreement of counsel for the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon good cause
13 shown. Failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not recognized as good cause.
14 If any of the dates identified in this Order or the Local Civil Rules fall on a weekend or federal
15 holiday, the act or event shall be performed on the next business day.

16 If the trial dates assigned to this matter creates an irreconcilable conflict, counsel must
17 notify Deputy Clerk Kelly Miller at Kelly_miller@wawd.uscourts.gov, within 10 days of the
18 date of this Order and must set forth the exact nature of the conflict. A failure to do so will be
19 deemed a waiver. Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be
20 understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

21 Trial Procedures

22 **1. Jury Instructions.** Jury instructions should be numbered sequentially. Counsel
23 should submit two copies of proposed jury instructions, one with citations and one without, and
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1 should send electronic copies of the instructions to the chambers orders inbox at
2 coughenourorders@wawd.uscourts.gov. Counsel is advised that the Court relies primarily on the
3 Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury instructions, available at
4 <http://www3.ce9.uscourts.gov/jury-instructions/model-civil>. The Court will rarely, if ever,
5 deviate from the model instructions' language. Counsel should refer to the filing instructions in
6 LCR 51(h) for further instruction on Joint Instructions and Joint Statements of Disputed
7 Instructions.

8 **2. Trial exhibits.** The Court must receive all trial exhibits by the date noted above.
9 All trial exhibits must be pre-marked by counsel. Exhibit tags can be obtained from the Clerk's
10 Office. Plaintiff's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively starting with number 1.
11 Defendant's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively starting with number A-1. Duplicated
12 documents shall not be listed twice on the exhibit list. **Once a party has identified an exhibit**
13 **on the exhibit list or in the pretrial order, any party may use it. Each set of exhibits shall**
14 **be submitted in a three-ring binder with appropriately numbered tabs. This original, and**
15 **one copy, should be delivered to the in-court clerk on the morning of trial.** If the exhibit list
16 is revised at any time after it is filed with the Court, counsel shall file a revised exhibit list.
17 Technology training is strongly encouraged.

18 **Discovery**

19 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement if
20 possible. Counsel shall also cooperate in preparing the agreed pretrial order in the format
21 required by LCR 16.1.

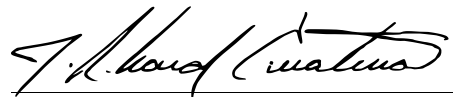
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Settlement

If this case settles, plaintiff's counsel shall notify Kelly Miller via e-mail at Kelly_Miller@wawd.uscourts.gov, as soon as possible. Pursuant to LCR11(b), an attorney who fails to give the Deputy Clerk prompt notice of settlement may be subject to such discipline as the Court deems appropriate.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to all parties of record.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2022.



J. Richard Creatura
Chief United States Magistrate Judge